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LT -
Are you available tomorrow to briefly discuss the intent of this meeting?
Mike Beslow
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Please excuse any errors in this message as it was sent from a mobile device.
> On May 24, 2017, at 4:15 PM, Arnold, Paul S LT <Paul.S.Arnold2@uscg.mil> wrote:
> When: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 9:30 AM-10:30 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).
> Where: 555 Plainfield rd suite A, Willowbrook IL 60627
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 Good afternoon Tom,
> We can meet at the MSU Chicago Office on 31 May at 0930 to go over the workplan and address concerns. 555 Plainfield rd suite A, Willowbrook IL 60627. Thank you!
> Very Respectfully,
> LT Paul Arnold
> ----Original Message----
> From: Barnett, Thomas R [mailto:Thomas.Barnett@arcelormittal.com]
> Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 1:47 PM
> To: Arnold, Paul S LT; Fitzgerald, Sean F MST1; Beslow, Mike
> Cc: Doyle, Kevin
> Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Outfalls 001 and 009/010 Investigative Workplans
> Gentlemen:
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> The purpose of this e-mail is to follow-up on our proposed work plan outlines to address oil sheen
issues at Outfall 009 & 010 at Indiana Harbor West and Outfall 001 at Indiana Harbor Central Wastewater
Treatment Plant. Officer Arnold of the Coast Guard responded to us today (5/24/17). We appreciate the
Coast Guard comments and will incorporate same into our work plan.
> In response to requests from EPA and the Coast Guard for more comprehensive studies at Outfall 001 and
Outfall 009 & 010 with the objective of resolving the oil sheen issues, we enlisted third party
engineering, field services and analytical services companies. We submitted draft work plan outlines for
Outfall 001 at IH CWTP to EPA on April 24, 2017, and for Outfalls 009 & 010 at IH West to the Coast Guard
on May 11, 2017 (copies of each are attached for your convenience). In addition we responded to Mike's e-
mails of May 1, 2017 and May 9, 2017 regarding Outfall 001 by our e-mails of May 8, 2017 and May 11,
2017. Reference is made to our e-mails for the current status as of those dates and for actions we are
taking to address the Outfall 001 issue.
> At this time, we believe we have addressed issues at Outfalls 009 and 010 with the rerouting of the
seven sumps in the powerhouse area to the Terminal Lagoon, and away from Outfalls 009 and 010.
Nonetheless, we are planning on initiating the study recently submitted, with the U.S.C.G comments
incorporated, in order to confirm there are no facility sources of sheen to these Outfalls. At Outfall
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001, with the rebuild of the two clarifiers, we have taken the appropriate actions to eliminate visible
oil from the Central Treatment Plant. Currently, we are working with United States Steel (USS) to determine any sources of oil that may be present in the cooling water/storm water sewer that discharges
directly to Outfall 001 from the Tin Mill. The proposed 001 investigation will enable us to better
identify the source/sources of oil at the 001 Outfall structure. Meanwhile, we continue to engage Kenny
Manta Industrial Services seven days a week to collect any oil sheen that appears in this structure.
> As noted in our e-mail of May 9th, to avoid further delay we initiated part of our proposed work plan
for Outfall 001 during the week of May 15th. Samples are undergoing analyses as described in the
proposed Outfall 001 work plan outline. We expect to report results of that preliminary sampling within the next few weeks. Those results will inform our further work at Outfall 001.
> Following your advice, we have filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to obtain copies of
sampling and analytical reports for EPA and Coast Guard samples collected with respect to the Outfall 009
& 010 and Outfall 001 oil sheen issues. We want to also explore possible supplemental analyses of
retained extracts for those samples as part of our overall work plans and investigations.
> To date we have not received any comments from EPA in regards to our Outfall 001 work plan outline. We
again extend the offer of a meeting with either, or both Agencies to review our proposed work plan
outlines. We value input from EPA and the Coast Guard and we want to ensure the final work plans are
responsive to your requests for supplemental investigations as to possible sources of visible oil.
> We are available Tuesday and Wednesday of next week (May 30 and 31, 2017) to discuss the Coast Guard
recommendations, and to discuss any comments EPA may have. At that meeting we will be prepared to
address the technical comments from the Coast Guard and review the qualifications of the firms we are using for this work. Please advise if you would like to schedule a meeting. In the event the agencies
decide not to participate, we will proceed with developing final work plans based on the USCG comments on the 009/010 outline, and our original 001 outline. We will provide copies of both work plans to EPA and
the Coast Guard for review. This effort will take several weeks.
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  Good morning Tom,
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- > After that talking with the EPA we would like the following concerns addressed in the workplan:
- > 1. You mention that you will study ArcelorMittal Intake No. 2 (last bullet in 1.0 Section) but you don't mention any sampling at this location in the report. We want you to identify where your heavy fuel oil tanks were located previously (40-50 years ago) and collect adequate number of soil samples (deep enough likely deeper than 6 inches) in and adjacent to your water intake. Right now, you have no evidence to rule out the fact that these tanks leaked fuel into the sediment and that fuel is now leaching into your water intake. Until you can prove that it is NOT by means of quantitative sampling, you have to still consider it a possible source (especially given the fact that our sampling indicates heavy fuel oil is present and none of their production raw materials contains heavy fuel oils). Please address why did you pick the location of soil samples that you did?
- > 2. Please address that you will use an accredited laboratory for sample analysis. We want to know which lab you intend to use and that they are accredited to analyze EPA Methods.
- > 3. You do mention the company you will be hiring to execute this study but you do not describe their qualifications, credentials, etc. That is, are they qualified to do this type of work? Please address this.
- > 4. Please consider taking soil samples deeper than 6 inches Why did you chose the depth you came up with for soil samples? (Especially in regards to the old HFO storage area)
- > 5. Please provide a deadline when sampling will be performed and when to expect a report of findings needs to be provided.
- > 6. We would also like to know why the monitoring wells by your intake were installed? Did EPA mandate them or did you do it for some reason? This should be discussed in the report and any data for these wells obtained and presented.
- > 7. How many numbers of samples will be taken and why that number?

> Very respectfully,
> LT Paul Arnold

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